

House Resolution No. 1313

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educational institutions that admirably ensure that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Westview Elementary School in the Westview C-6 School District of Newton County, Missouri, was founded on April 19, 1908, when the construction site for the new school was selected, a forty cent levy was passed, money was borrowed, and Miss Rose Kellhofer was hired as a teacher during a local township meeting; and

Whereas, construction on a building began in August 1908 and was finished in September 1908 with the school named and entered in the county records on April 6, 1909; and

Whereas, when the state of Missouri renamed all of the school districts of Newton County, Westview became known as District Five, and after a few years Westview became one of eleven consolidated schools in Newton County; and

Whereas, disaster struck in December 1941 when the original building burned and the school had to hold classes in local churches; and

Whereas, by December of the following year, the community had rallied and built a rock building with four classrooms and four acres of playground; and

Whereas, a Parent Teacher Association was formed in 1951, which set up a hot lunch program and donated money to purchase a piano, fans, a bell system, water fountains, equipment, computers and software, and library books; and

Whereas, Westview School has expanded its facilities and programs annually since 1956 in order to keep up with the needs and expectations of the rural society in which it operates:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Westview Elementary School and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the founding of their educational institution; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Westview C-6 School District of Newton County, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Kevin Wilson
District No. 130

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1313, adopted March 27, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker